

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 12, line 20 through page 13, line 1, please amend the specification as follows:

**1. Starting strain**

The RPA-BIOCAT826 strain is derived from the collection of Rhodia Chimie (Melle factory, RTAM) and was selected for its white morphological appearance instead of the usual yellow appearance. The RPA-BIOCAT1016, 1017, 1019 and 1021 strains were deposited at the CBS Centraalbureau Voor Schimmelcultures (CBS), Ossesterstaat 1, P.O. Box 273, 3740 AG Baarn, The Netherlands, on June 16, 1999 under the respective numbers CBS 101940, CBS 101941, CBS 101942, CBS 101943 and CBS 101944.